

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action mailed September 6, 2007, and in view of the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed concurrently herewith, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration. Claims 1-25 were previously pending in this application. By this amendment, Applicants are canceling claims 9 and 23 without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 8, 22 and 24 have been amended herein. As a result, claims 1-8, 10-22 and 24-25 are pending for examination with claims 1, 8, 16 and 22 being independent. No new matter has been added.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants note with appreciation that claims 1-7, 16-19 and 21 have been allowed, and that claims 9-13, 20 and 23-25 are indicated as including allowable subject matter. Applicants have amended claims 8 and 22 to include the limitations of claims 9 and 23, respectively, which the Office Action has indicated would be allowable if re-written in independent format. Claims 9 and 23 have been canceled. As a result, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102

The Office Action rejected claims 8, 14, 15 and 22 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Nakamata et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,683,512. However, these rejections are now moot in view of Applicants' amendment.

Comments on Reasons for Allowance

The Office Action states: "The prior art of record and in particular Nakamura does not teach or suggest the limitation of the claims nor provides motivation for combination with additional prior art where the directional coupler [sic] of Nakamura such as CPO10 comprising a terminated end would suggest failure if combined with a second capacitor coupled to the first and second terminals of the second conductive line." Applicants agree that the art of record does not teach or suggest the claim limitations or provide a reason for combining the prior art. Applicants respond to point out that Nakamura's coupler is not a "directional" coupler. However, Applicants assume that the Office Action's reasons for allowance are not affected by this distinction, and that the claims as amended distinguish over Nakamura regardless of whether

or not Nakamura's coupler is a directional coupler.

CONCLUSION

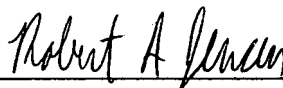
A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at the telephone number listed below if this communication does not place the case in condition for allowance.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicant hereby requests any necessary extension of time. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 23/2825.

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